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SUBJECT: SETIT HUMERA AND OMHAJER INCIDENTS

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1. AMCIT PILOT OF USAID/ETHIOPIA AIRCRAFT, WHO LANDED AT SETIT HUMERA LATE LAST WEEK AND OVERFLEW OMHAJER, REPORTS AS FOLLOWS.

ELF INSURGENTS APPEARED IN SETIT HUMERA APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS AGO. THEY SEIZED AND DROVE OFF WITH ALL MANNER OF FARM TRACTORS AND OTHER VEHICLES, HEADING NORTH ACROSS NEARBY PROVINCIAL FRONTIER INTO TIGRE PROVINCE. IN ABSENCE ANY MILITARY FORCES, LOCAL VIGILANTE GROUP PURSUED INSURGENTS INTO OMHAJER WHICH FIRST SIZABLE TOWN NORTH OF TEKEZE RIVER IN TIGRE. VIGILANTES ASKED INHABITANTS OMHAJER TO LEAVE THE CITY SO THAT THEY COULD DEAL WITH ELF RAIDERS WHO HAD TAKEN REFUGE THERE. GIVILANTES THEN ATTACKED ELF. APPROXIMATELY 30 PERSONS WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED IN THIS CLASH AND OMHAJER, A SIZABLE COMMUNITY, WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND.

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2. SOURCE STATES THAT FOREGOING INFORMATION OBTAINED BY HIM

DIRECTLY FROM INHABITANTS CITY OF SETIT HUMERA AND THAT HE
VERIFIED DESTRUCTION OF OMHAJER FROM THE AIR.
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